

Appl. No. 10/656,489
Atty. Docket No. 9355
Amdt. dated 28 February, 2006
Reply to Office Action of November 30, 2005
Customer No. 27752

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A catamenial tampon comprising:

a primary absorbent member is constructed from an absorbent material compressed to a self-sustaining form, said primary absorbent member having an insertion end, a withdrawal end and an outer surface; and

a secondary absorbent member attached to said outer surface of the primary absorbent member proximate to said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member[.];

wherein the withdrawal end of the primary absorbent member comprises a finger indent.
2. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is sheet-like.
3. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is may range in length from about 10 mm to about 40 mm from said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member.
4. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is substantially non-compressed.
5. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member is a single ply.
6. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 wherein said secondary absorbent member comprises a first ply and a second ply.
7. (Original) The tampon of Claim 6 wherein said first ply has first capillarity and said second ply has a second capillarity; said first capillarity and second capillarity are different.
- 8-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Original) The tampon of Claim 1 further comprising a withdrawal member joined to said primary absorbent member and extending beyond at least said withdrawal end for removal of said tampon.

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11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A catamenial tampon comprising:

a primary absorbent member is constructed from an absorbent material compressed to a self-sustaining form, said primary absorbent member having an insertion end, a withdrawal end, an outer surface, ~~a finger indent~~; and

a secondary absorbent member fixedly attached to said outer surface of the primary absorbent member proximate to said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member;

wherein the withdrawal end of the primary absorbent member comprises a finger indent.

13. (Currently Amended) The tampon of Claim ~~11~~ 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is sheet-like.

14. (Currently Amended) The tampon of Claim ~~11~~ 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is may range in length from about 10 mm to about 40 mm from said withdrawal end of said primary absorbent member.

15. (Currently Amended) The tampon of Claim ~~11~~ 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is substantially non-compressed.

16. (Currently Amended) The tampon of Claim ~~11~~ 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is a single ply.

17. (Currently Amended) The tampon of Claim ~~11~~ 12 wherein said secondary absorbent member is a multiple ply.

18-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The tampon of Claim ~~11~~ 12 further comprising a withdrawal member joined to said primary absorbent member and extending beyond at least said withdrawal end for removal of said tampon.